5/8/87 S1765-3

FLORIDA
Employment Trends

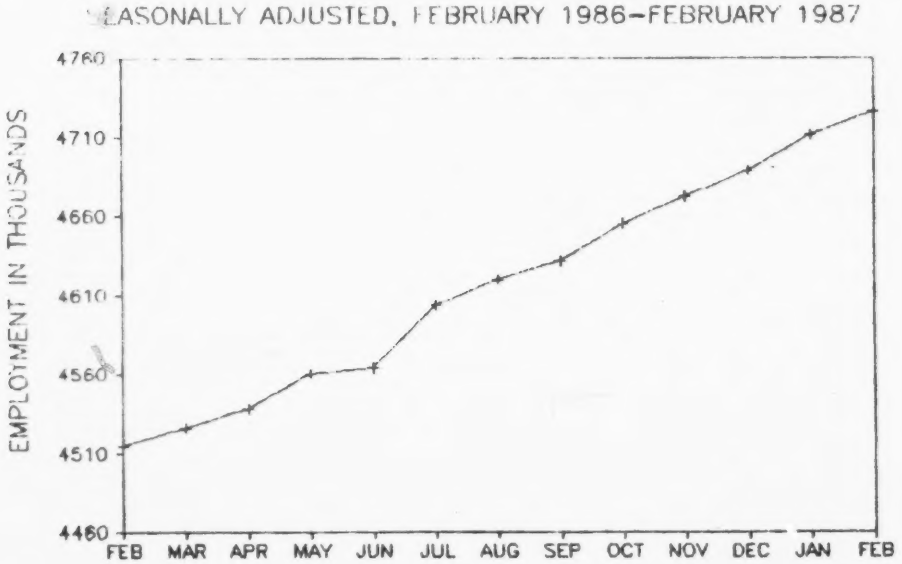
Department of Labor and Employment Security
Bureau of Labor Market Information

HIGHLIGHTS:

* Florida's nonagricultural growth rate was constant over the month at 4.7 percent or 211,400 new jobs over the year.
* Services and trade remained as Florida's leading industries with manufacturing and construction continuing their slow growth patterns.
* Of the nation's largest states, Florida experienced the fastest nonagricultural growth rate in February and the second highest number of new jobs behind only California.
* Florida's February unemployment rate at 5.7 percent was virtually unchanged over the month and year. It remained 1.0 percent below the national rate of unemployment.
* Annual average unemployment rates for 1970-1986 are provided on page 12.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, FEBRUARY 1986-FEBRUARY 1987



Source: Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Bureau of Labor Market Information, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.

Release Date: April 1987 **Letter No. 450**

JOB GROWTH HELD STEADY IN FEBRUARY: Florida's growth rate in total nonagricultural employment held steady at 4.7 percent in February. This was equivalent to 211,400 new jobs over the year to reach a total of 4,726,000. Last month's growth rate was also 4.7 percent. Florida's growth rate had been increasing steadily each month for at least the last two quarters. All industry sectors gained jobs over the year but two sectors had small job losses over the month. They were construction and transportation, communications, and public utilities.

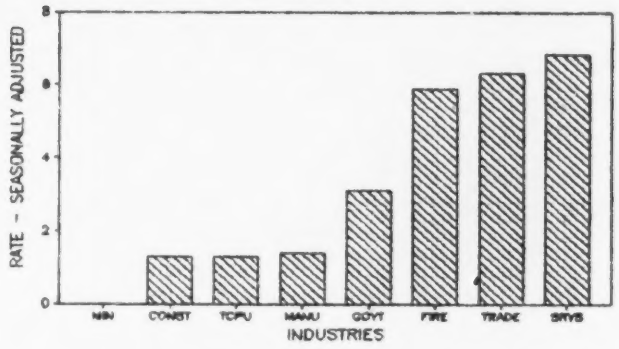
Industry growth rates in February for Florida's major sectors again showed most of the job gains over the year have been centered in services (6.8 percent); trade (6.3 percent); and finance, insurance, and real estate (5.9 percent). These three industries grew faster than the average growth rate (4.7 percent) for all of Florida's sectors. The slower growing industries in Florida were government (3.1 percent); manufacturing (1.4 percent); transportation, communications, and public utilities (1.3 percent); and construction (1.3 percent). The mining industry in February had zero change in employment over the year.

FLORIDA'S GROWTH INDUSTRIES: The services sector continued to rank as the industry with the fastest growth rate (6.8 percent) and the highest number of new jobs (79,900) over the year. Total services employment rose to 1,251,000 in February and stood as Florida's second largest industry behind only trade. Most of the services jobs were concentrated in the subsectors of health services and business services. The largest occupational groups in these subsectors were registered practical nurses, nurses' aides or orderlies, licensed practical nurses, security guards, janitors, and personal office clerks.

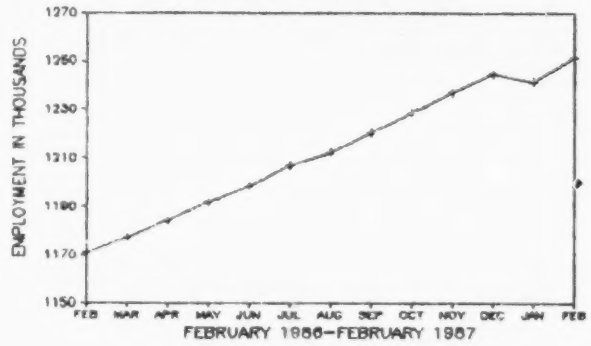
The trade industry also grew rapidly in February with 76,100 new jobs at a growth rate of 6.3 percent over the year. Total trade employment (Florida's largest industry) reached 1,290,000 in February. Most of the trade jobs were centered in the subsectors of eating and drinking places; food stores; general merchandise stores; and miscellaneous retail stores. Major occupational groups for these subsectors were waiters and waitresses; combined food preparation and service workers; cashiers; stock clerks; salespersons; and general managers and top executives.

The finance, insurance, and real estate industry was Florida's third fastest growing sector (5.9 percent) over the year. There were 19,300 new jobs in this sector for February reaching a total of 348,500. The largest subsectors in this industry were real estate and banking. Major occupational groups for these subsectors were sales agents; maintenance repairers; gardeners and groundskeepers; tellers; new account clerks; and bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks.

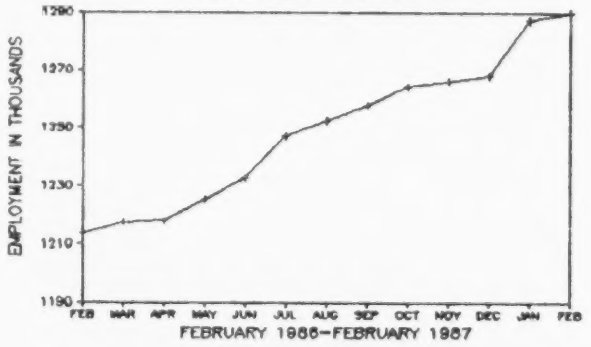
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATES
FEBRUARY 1987/1986



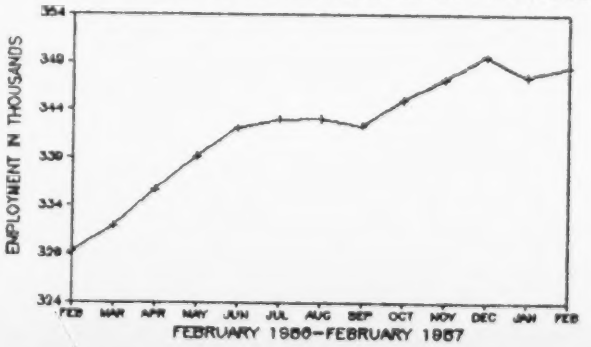
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
TRADE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



Source: Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Bureau of Labor Market Information, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.

FLORIDA'S VOLATILE INDUSTRIES: Both manufacturing and construction have been on an uptrend but have been volatile on a month-to-month basis. Manufacturing, responding to the national slowdown in factory employment and the shake-out in the electronics industry, grew by 1.4 percent or 7,100 jobs in February over the year. Manufacturing job growth had been flat during the last two quarters of 1986 but has shown improvement during January and February 1987. The largest subsectors in the manufacturing industry in February were electrical and electronic equipment; transportation equipment; and printing and publishing.

The construction industry grew by a relatively slow rate of 1.3 percent or 4,400 new jobs over the year. Jobs in construction had increased rather steadily since September 1986 but experienced a slight decline in February over the month (by 500 jobs or 0.1 percent). Most of the construction industry growth was due to the subsector of special trade contractors.

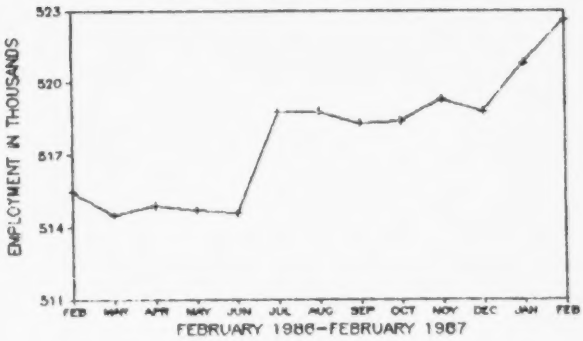
FLORIDA AND THE OTHER STATES: Florida continued to experience the fastest growth rate (4.7 percent) compared to the other large states in the nation. The second and third fastest growing large states were California (3.4 percent) and North Carolina (3.0 percent).

In terms of the number of new jobs over the year, Florida gained the second highest number behind only California (+375,800) which is more than twice the size of Florida. The only large state to lose employment remained to be Texas (due to the oil and gas extraction sectors).

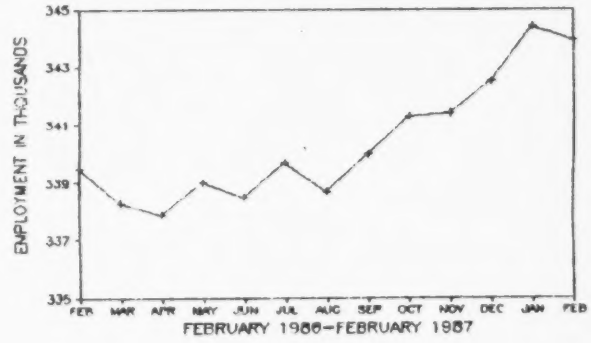
Nonfarm employment rose by two percent or more between February of 1986 and 1987 in 29 states. The largest percentage job gains occurred in Nevada (6.5 percent), Delaware (5.9 percent), and Vermont (5.5 percent). Of the six states with over-the-year employment declines, three had decreases in excess of 3.0 percent--Wyoming (5.7 percent), Louisiana (4.2 percent), and Alaska (3.8 percent), where employment losses took place across most industry divisions.

Most states experienced over-the-year employment increases in trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. In contrast, 23 states had reductions in manufacturing, with the largest occurring in Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Mining decreases occurred in 27 states, with the heaviest in California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

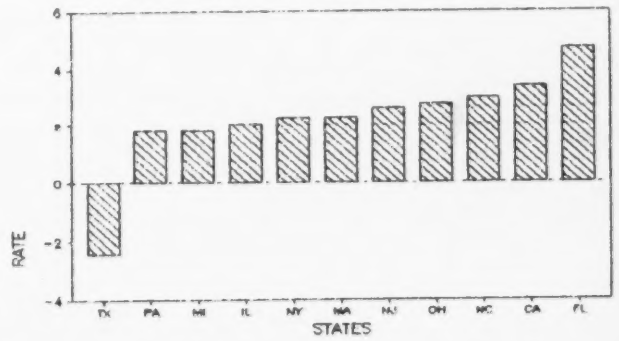
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
MANUFACTURING, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
CONSTRUCTION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATES
ELEVEN LARGEST STATES, FEBRUARY 1987/1986



Source: Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Bureau of Labor Market Information, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.

STATEWIDE
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (IN THOUSANDS)
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
FLORIDA

Published Industry Title	February Preliminary 1987	January Final 1987	February Final 1986	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	4726.0	4711.6	4514.6	14.4	0.3	211.4	4.7
MINING (1)	9.8	9.7	9.8	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	343.9	344.4	339.5	-0.5	-0.1	4.4	1.3
MANUFACTURING	522.6	520.8	515.5	1.8	0.3	7.1	1.4
DURABLE GOODS (1)	315.8	314.3	311.5	1.5	0.5	4.3	1.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	206.0	205.8	203.2	0.2	0.1	2.8	1.4
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	246.5	247.4	243.3	-0.9	-0.4	3.2	1.3
TRADE	1290.0	1287.1	1213.9	2.9	0.2	76.1	6.3
WHOLESALE (1)	255.4	255.4	248.1	0.0	0.0	7.3	2.9
RETAIL	1034.7	1031.4	965.9	3.3	0.3	68.8	7.1
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	349.0	349.5	325.7	-0.5	-0.1	23.3	7.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	348.3	347.4	329.2	1.1	0.3	19.3	5.9
SERVICES	1251.0	1241.3	1171.1	9.7	0.8	79.9	6.8
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	118.0	117.9	113.0	0.1	0.1	5.0	4.4
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	327.9	325.0	306.3	2.9	0.9	21.6	7.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	4012.3	3998.1	3822.3	14.2	0.4	190.0	5.0
GOVERNMENT	713.7	713.5	692.3	0.2	%	21.4	3.1

% = Less than one-tenth of one percent.

(1) - These series do not have a consistent seasonal pattern and consequently do not pass criteria for seasonal adjustment. Total nonagricultural employment is the sum of all major industries and is not adjusted. Durables and nondurables in manufacturing and wholesale and retail in trade may not add to total due to lack of adjustment in durables and wholesale.

Source: Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Labor, Employment and Training, Bureau of Labor Market Information, Current Employment Statistics Program.

STATEWIDE
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (IN THOUSANDS)
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
FLORIDA

PUBLISHED INDUSTRY TITLE	1986 FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	1987 JAN	FEB(P)	Over-the-Year Change %	NUMBER
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	4514.6	4526.1	4538.0	4560.5	4569.7	4608.5	4619.9	4631.2	4654.6	4672.1	4688.9	4498.6	4726.0	4.7	211.4
MINING (1)	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.2	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.2	9.8	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	339.5	338.3	337.9	339.0	338.5	339.7	338.7	340.0	341.3	341.4	342.5	339.9	343.9	1.3	4.4
MANUFACTURING	515.5	514.5	514.9	514.7	514.6	510.8	510.8	510.3	510.4	511.8	510.8	516.5	522.6	1.4	7.1
DURABLE GOODS (1)	311.5	311.3	311.6	311.7	312.5	311.6	312.6	312.5	313.8	314.7	314.8	312.5	315.8	1.4	4.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	203.2	202.9	203.0	203.2	203.8	205.8	205.1	205.1	205.8	206.1	206.8	203.2	206.0	1.4	2.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	243.8	244.9	244.2	244.7	238.1	246.1	245.5	245.8	246.4	247.8	250.2	243.8	246.5	1.3	3.2
TRADE	1218.9	1217.5	1218.0	1223.5	1232.8	1247.3	1252.4	1257.7	1264.2	1266.1	1267.9	1207.9	1290.0	6.8	76.1
WHOLESALE (1)	248.1	249.0	249.1	249.9	250.5	251.2	251.3	251.4	252.6	253.6	255.0	247.5	255.4	2.9	7.8
RETAIL	965.9	969.8	969.5	973.9	982.5	995.5	1000.8	1005.8	1011.1	1012.8	1014.1	960.2	1034.7	7.1	68.8
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	325.7	326.7	328.1	330.2	332.1	336.0	337.5	338.7	340.5	341.7	343.8	328.2	349.9	7.2	28.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	329.2	331.9	335.7	339.2	342.1	343.0	343.1	342.4	345.0	347.1	349.5	327.1	346.5	5.9	19.8
SERVICES	1171.1	1177.2	1184.1	1191.7	1198.8	1206.8	1212.1	1220.2	1228.4	1236.8	1244.4	1161.1	1251.0	6.8	79.9
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	118.0	114.4	115.1	116.8	117.2	117.4	118.9	120.1	120.2	120.8	120.3	111.9	118.0	4.4	5.0
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	306.3	308.8	310.8	311.9	313.4	314.1	317.5	319.5	321.8	323.9	326.4	304.0	327.9	7.1	21.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	3822.8	3834.1	3844.5	3864.4	3879.6	3911.8	3920.8	3932.8	3953.0	3968.8	3983.0	3804.7	4012.8	5.0	190.0
GOVERNMENT	692.3	692.0	693.5	696.1	690.1	697.2	699.9	698.4	701.6	703.8	705.9	698.9	713.7	3.1	21.4

(P) - Preliminary Estimate

(1) - These series do not have a consistent seasonal pattern and consequently do not pass criteria for seasonal adjustment. Total nonagricultural employment is the sum of all major industries and is not adjusted. Durables and nondurables in manufacturing and wholesale and retail in trade may not add to total due to lack of adjustment to durables and wholesale.

Source: Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Labor, Employment and Training, Bureau of Labor Market Information, Current Employment Statistics Program.

PGM=CES598 NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RUN DATE: 03/24/87

STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987*	FEBRUARY 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,754,800	4,721,800	4,542,100	33,000	.7	212,700	4.7
MINING	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	1.0	0	.0
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	.0	300	3.6
PHOSPHATE ROCK	4,700	4,700	4,300	0	.0	400	9.3
CONSTRUCTION	338,700	337,600	334,300	1,100	.3	4,400	1.3
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	92,000	92,600	91,900	- 600	- .6	100	.1
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	49,400	49,800	48,600	- 400	- .8	800	1.6
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	197,300	195,200	193,800	2,100	1.1	3,500	1.8
MANUFACTURING	525,300	523,000	518,200	2,300	.4	7,100	1.4
DURABLE GOODS	315,800	314,300	311,500	1,500	.5	4,300	1.4
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	26,800	26,700	26,700	100	.4	100	.4
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	15,300	14,900	13,900	400	2.7	1,400	10.1
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	24,700	25,000	24,200	- 300	- 1.2	500	2.1
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	5,200	5,300	5,100	- 100	- 1.9	100	2.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	36,600	36,500	36,500	100	.3	100	.3
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	43,100	42,900	44,300	200	.5	- 1,200	- 2.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	75,200	75,100	75,400	100	.1	- 200	- .3
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	64,000	63,700	61,700	300	.5	2,300	3.7
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	15,400	15,000	14,600	400	2.7	800	5.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	9,500	9,200	9,100	300	3.3	400	4.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	209,500	208,700	206,700	800	.4	2,800	1.4
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	50,700	51,000	50,000	- 300	- .6	700	1.4

SOURCE : FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

PGM=CE5598 NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RUN DATE: 03/24/87

STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	13,700	13,800	13,300	- 100	- .7	400	3.0
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	.0	- 100	- 5.9
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	.0	100	4.0
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	32,200	31,600	32,400	600	1.9	- 200	- .6
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	14,300	14,400	14,500	- 100	- .7	- 200	- 1.4
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	62,200	62,000	59,800	200	.3	2,400	4.0
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	23,700	23,600	24,700	100	.4	- 1,000	- 4.0
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	.0	200	10.0
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	18,100	17,700	16,800	400	2.3	1,300	7.7
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	1,900	2,000	2,300	- 100	- 5.0	- 400	-17.4
TRANSPORTATION,COMM.,ELECT., GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	246,500	247,400	243,300	- 900	- .4	3,200	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	140,400	141,300	139,000	- 900	- .6	1,400	1.0
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	8,100	8,100	8,700	0	.0	- 600	- 6.9
LOCAL AND INTERURBAN PASSENGER TRANSIT	8,900	8,800	8,300	100	1.1	600	7.2
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	48,900	49,600	46,700	- 700	- 1.4	2,200	4.7
WATER TRANSPORTATION	16,100	15,800	14,900	300	1.9	1,200	8.1
TRANSPORTATION BY AIR	41,900	42,700	43,700	- 800	- 1.9	- 1,800	- 4.1
COMMUNICATION	69,800	69,600	70,000	200	.3	- 200	- .3
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	36,300	36,500	34,300	- 200	- .5	2,000	5.8
TRADE	1,297,100	1,293,100	1,220,800	4,000	.3	76,300	6.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	255,400	255,400	248,100	0	.0	7,300	2.9
DURABLE GOODS	146,100	146,400	144,600	- 300	- .2	1,500	1.0

SOURCE : FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

PGM=CES598 NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RUN DATE: 03/24/87

STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
NONDURABLE GOODS	109,300	109,000	103,500	300	.3	5,800	5.6
RETAIL TRADE	1,041,700	1,037,700	972,700	4,000	.4	69,000	7.1
BLDG. MAT.,GARDEN SUPL,. AND MOBILE HOME DEALERS	43,100	42,900	41,200	200	.5	1,900	4.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	125,600	129,800	118,700	- 4,200	- 3.2	6,900	5.8
FOOD STORES	173,500	173,400	162,300	100	.1	11,200	6.9
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND SERVICE STATIONS	112,400	111,200	106,100	1,200	1.1	6,300	5.9
APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORES	54,800	55,200	52,500	- 400	- .7	2,300	4.4
FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHING STORES	52,000	51,600	48,000	400	.8	4,000	8.3
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	355,600	349,400	332,000	6,200	1.8	23,600	7.1
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES	124,700	124,200	111,900	500	.4	12,800	11.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	348,500	347,400	329,200	1,100	.3	19,300	5.9
BANKING	73,300	73,300	71,800	0	.0	1,500	2.1
CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS	64,200	63,900	59,400	300	.5	4,800	8.1
INSURANCE CARRIERS	56,500	56,400	52,200	100	.2	4,300	8.2
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, AND SERVICE	32,800	32,700	31,700	100	.3	1,100	3.5
REAL ESTATE	95,100	94,600	90,000	500	.5	5,100	5.7
SERVICES	1,261,600	1,244,400	1,181,300	17,200	1.4	80,300	6.8
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	124,000	119,200	118,900	4,800	4.0	5,100	4.3
PERSONAL SERVICES	65,900	64,800	61,200	1,100	1.7	4,700	7.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	246,700	244,100	231,500	2,600	1.1	15,200	6.6
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES AND GARAGES	47,500	46,600	44,300	900	1.9	3,200	7.2
MISCELLANIOUS REPAIR SERVICES	19,400	19,300	19,800	100	.5	- 400	- 2.0

SOURCE : FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

PGM=CES598 NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RUN DATE: 03/24/87

STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH AGO NO.	PERCENT	MONTH FROM: YEAR AGO NO.	PERCENT
MOTION PICTURES	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	.0	200	2.9
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES	83,600	82,200	76,700	1,400	1.7	6,900	9.0
HEALTH SERVICES	327,900	325,000	306,300	2,900	.9	21,600	7.1
LEGAL SERVICES	46,100	45,600	42,800	500	1.1	3,300	7.7
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	49,800	48,900	46,500	900	1.8	3,300	7.1
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	64,500	64,000	60,800	500	.8	3,700	6.1
GOVERNMENT	727,300	719,200	705,200	8,100	1.1	22,100	3.1
FEDERAL	110,900	110,700	107,100	200	.2	3,800	3.5
STATE AND LOCAL	616,400	608,500	598,100	7,900	1.3	18,300	3.1
STATE	151,800	151,800	144,500	0	.0	7,300	5.1
LOCAL	464,600	456,700	453,600	7,900	1.7	11,000	2.4

ALL INDUSTRIES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL, 1972.
ALL DATA ARE ADJUSTED TO FIRST QUARTER 1986 BENCHMARK LEVELS.
* REVISED

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO FURNISH EMPLOYMENT DATA ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

SOURCE : FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

State of Florida	February 1987	January 1987	February 1986	Over-The-Year Numerical Change	Over-The-Year Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	5,775,000	5,729,000	5,448,000	327,000	6.0
Employment	5,446,000	5,396,000	5,130,000	316,000	6.2
Unemployment	329,000	333,000	318,000	11,000	3.5
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 0.1	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.7	7.2	- 0.5	---

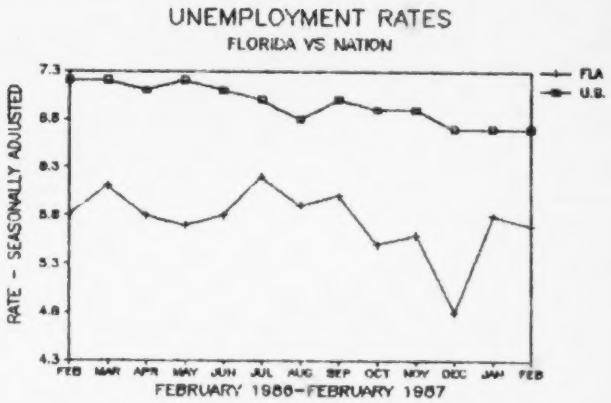
Source: U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

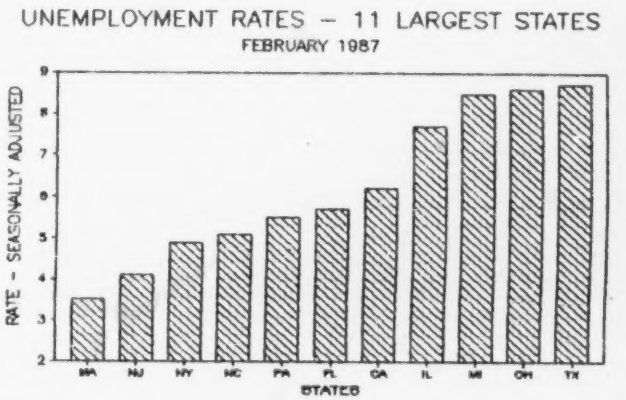
State of Florida	February 1987	January 1987	February 1986	Over-The-Year Numerical Change	Over-The-Year Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	5,722,900	5,665,900	5,390,500	331,500	6.1
Employment	5,422,400	5,338,800	5,100,600	321,800	6.3
Unemployment	299,700	327,500	289,800	9,900	3.4
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.8	5.4	- 0.2	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.3	7.8	- 0.6	---

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STEADY OVER THE YEAR: Florida's February unemployment rate seasonally adjusted fell to 5.7 percent. Both the month and year-ago rates were not significantly different from the current rate. There were 329,000 jobless Floridians out of a state labor force of 5,775,000. The range of statewide unemployment rates over the last twelve months was from a low of 4.8 percent in December 1986 to a high of 6.2 percent in July 1986. The annual average rate of unemployment for the last twelve months was 5.7 percent. Florida's unemployment rate remained a full percentage point below that of the nation at 6.7 percent.



NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED: The data for February show that the national labor market improvement of the last few months continued. Unemployment rates were unchanged (6.7 percent) but considerably lower than early last year. February's national unemployment rate was the lowest since the spring of 1980. The median duration of unemployment dropped to 6.6 weeks. The number of persons working part-time because they could not find full-time jobs rose in February and is now considerably higher than a year ago.



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

FLORIDA'S RANK: Compared to the other large states, Florida had the sixth lowest unemployment rate in February. Those five states with lower unemployment rates than Florida were Massachusetts (3.5 percent), New Jersey (4.1 percent), New York (4.9 percent), and Pennsylvania (5.5 percent). Texas experienced the highest unemployment rate compared to the other states.

Unemployment Rates* Seasonally Adjusted
Eleven Largest States, February 1987

State	Rate	State	Rate
Massachusetts	3.5	California	6.2
New Jersey	4.1	Illinois	7.7
New York	4.9	Michigan	8.5
North Carolina	5.1	Ohio	8.6
Pennsylvania	5.5	Texas	8.7
Florida	5.7		

* Ranked in magnitude from lowest to highest.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Current Population Survey
Annual Averages
Florida 1970-1986

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
1970	2,672.0	2,557.0	115.0	4.3
1971	2,792.0	2,655.0	136.0	4.9
1972	2,907.0	2,762.0	144.0	5.1
1973	3,169.0	3,033.0	136.0	4.3
1974	3,413.0	3,199.0	214.0	6.2
1975	3,554.0	3,175.0	378.0	10.7
1976	3,605.0	3,280.0	326.0	9.0
1977	3,717.0	3,411.0	305.0	8.2
1978	3,946.0	3,684.0	262.0	6.6
1979	4,132.0	3,884.0	248.0	6.0
1980	4,271.0	4,020.0	251.0	5.9
1981	4,519.0	4,211.0	308.0	6.8
1982	4,751.0	4,363.0	388.0	8.2
1983	4,936.0	4,512.0	424.0	8.6
1984	5,139.0	4,814.0	325.0	6.3
1985	5,344.0	5,025.0	320.0	6.0
1986	5,588.0	5,268.0	320.0	5.7

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Released February 6, 1987, in thousands.

FLORIDA ECONOMIC INDICATORS
February 1987

Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS/1					
Total Initial Claims	29,806	29,609	31,929	0.67	- 6.65
Interstate Initial Claims	3,806	3,678	3,857	3.48	- 1.32
Intrastate Initial Claims	26,000	25,931	28,072	0.27	- 7.38
INDUSTRY INTRASTATE INITIAL CLAIMS/1					
Services	8,115	7,869	8,730	3.13	- 7.04
Trade	3,873	4,031	3,945	- 3.92	- 1.83
Construction	4,890	4,648	5,007	5.21	- 2.34
Manufacturing	4,656	4,875	5,709	- 4.49	-18.44
Mining, Government, Agriculture	2,875	2,889	2,765	- 0.48	3.98
Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities	725	762	1,047	- 4.86	-30.75
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	769	764	743	0.65	3.50
Information Not Available	97	93	126	4.30	-23.02
CONTINUED CLAIMS/1					
Total Weeks Claimed	245,217	243,048	256,457	0.89	- 4.38
Interstate Weeks Claimed	31,717	33,371	31,057	- 4.96	2.13
Intrastate Weeks Claimed	213,501	209,677	225,400	1.82	- 5.28
ECONOMIC/2					
Housing Starts (At Annual Rates)	182,026	184,708	202,642	- 1.45	-10.17
Construction Expenditures (Thousands)	1,479,469	1,518,839	1,509,779	- 2.59	- 2.01
Average Hours Worked Manufacturing	40	41	41	- 2.44	- 2.44
Taxable Sales (Thousands)	9,477,199	9,642,279	8,630,279	- 1.71	9.81
Not Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	* Data are based on program year which began July 1, 1985.				
JOB SERVICES/3					
Active file (end of month)	191,851	188,045	196,073	2.0	- 2.2
New Applications (month)	41,006	42,226	42,717	- 2.9	- 4.0
Applicants Receiving Service (07-01-86 to date)	348,240	313,963	336,110*	10.9	3.6
Nonfarm Openings Received (month)	36,420	36,070	34,828	- 1.0	4.6
Nonfarm Openings Unfilled (end of month)	36,850	33,488	26,666	10.0	38.2
Placement Transactions (month)	18,643	17,013	18,301	9.6	1.9
Individuals Placed (07-01-86 to date)	131,867	118,247	120,183*	11.5	9.7
Nonfarm (07-01-86 to date)	117,828	105,572	110,191*	11.6	6.9
Job Openings Filled (07-01-86 to date)	163,115	144,512	148,907*	12.9	9.5
Eligible Claimants Placed (07-01-86 to date)	19,278	17,370	18,742*	11.0	2.9

Sources:
1/ Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Unemployment Compensation; Compiled and Seasonally Adjusted by the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Planning and Budgeting, Revenue and Economic Analysis.
2/ Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Planning and Budgeting, Revenue and Economic Analysis.
3/ Florida Department of Labor Employment Security, Division of Labor, Employment and Training.

Definitions: Initial Claim - Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation (new claim) or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year (additional claim).
Intrastate Claim - A claim filed in the same state in which the individual's wage credits were earned.
Interstate Claim - A claim filed in one state (agent) based on monetary entitlement to compensation in another state (liable).

PGM=CES598 RUN DATE: 03/24/87

STATEWIDE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1987 *	FEBRUARY 1986
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	397.73	386.88	377.44	43.9	42.7	44.3	9.06	9.06	8.52
PHOSPHATE ROCK	426.47	419.64	362.53	40.5	39.0	35.3	10.53	10.76	10.27
MANUFACTURING	328.86	333.34	322.79	40.5	40.9	40.5	8.12	8.15	7.97
DURABLE GOODS	333.33	339.06	332.11	41.0	41.5	40.9	8.13	8.17	8.12
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	282.74	273.39	266.11	40.8	39.0	37.8	6.93	7.01	7.04
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	252.65	251.20	249.48	39.6	40.0	39.6	6.38	6.28	6.30
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	390.60	402.30	386.51	43.4	44.7	45.1	9.00	9.00	8.57
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	388.92	389.34	402.60	42.0	42.0	44.0	9.26	9.27	9.15
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	305.03	310.75	315.09	41.5	41.6	41.9	7.35	7.47	7.52
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	351.88	359.04	359.55	41.3	41.7	42.3	8.52	8.61	8.50
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	330.48	334.96	331.57	40.7	41.2	39.9	8.12	8.13	8.31
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	402.68	415.25	391.72	41.3	42.2	40.3	9.75	9.84	9.72
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	297.50	301.68	322.56	39.3	39.8	42.0	7.57	7.58	7.68
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	261.13	275.76	235.03	37.9	42.1	39.5	6.89	6.55	5.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	323.19	325.21	311.60	39.9	40.1	40.0	8.10	8.11	7.79
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	311.88	309.09	306.18	41.2	41.8	43.0	7.57	7.43	7.12
PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	292.13	303.03	294.30	40.8	42.5	43.6	7.16	7.13	6.75
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	246.92	267.40	242.83	36.1	38.2	37.1	6.84	7.00	6.54
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	191.66	185.56	182.70	36.3	36.6	35.0	5.28	5.07	5.22
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	522.98	572.87	508.82	46.2	49.3	47.2	11.32	11.62	10.78
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	353.78	344.93	341.51	38.0	38.5	37.0	9.31	9.48	9.23
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	449.65	446.47	422.35	42.5	42.4	41.9	10.58	10.53	10.08
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	276.34	289.23	282.44	41.0	42.1	41.2	6.74	6.87	6.37
COMMUNICATION	514.42	526.49	495.19	42.2	42.7	41.3	12.19	12.33	11.99
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	488.82	522.65	491.18	40.6	42.7	42.6	12.04	12.24	11.53
BANKING	260.00	251.03	248.47	40.0	40.1	40.8	6.50	6.26	6.09

* REVISED

SOURCE : FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTM NT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

For additional labor market information, please contact:

Rebecca Rust, Economic Analyst
Bureau of Labor Market Information
203 Marathon Building
2574 Seagate Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0674
904-488-1048

LABOR MARKET TRENDS

A Labor Market Information Publication by the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

This public document was promulgated at an annual cost of $2,189.08, including postage or $.34 per copy to provide current local area labor market data and analyses as required by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration.

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

ORS-001
CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE
SRI ACQUISITIONS
4520 EAST - WEST HIGHWAY, SUITE 800
BETHESDA, MD 20814

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED
FIRST CLASS MAIL

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0674

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

LOCAL OFFICE

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY MAIL
LAB 449